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The CDU Executive Committee met in Berlin 18 August to discuss plans for the party convention. At this meeting Dr. Otto Lobedanz, head of the CDU in Mecklenburg, complained that Berlin is too strongly represented in the Executive Committee and proposed that Berlin and the states of the Russian Zone be limited to two members each on the Executive Committee. Dr. Leo Herwegen, Saxony-Anhalt, was the only member who agreed with this proposal. **Comments:** It is believed that Captain Kratin of SMA inspired this proposal.

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On the afternoon of the same day the Executive Committee was invited to Karlshorst by Col. Tulpanov who questioned Kaiser on the CDU attitude toward the Marshall Plan. Kaiser said that, as a German, he must approve the plan which is intended to assist the German economy. Tulpanov showed displeasure at this answer and told Kaiser he would be foolish if he supported the plan publicly since it will probably be dropped after the London meeting of the Conference of Foreign Ministers.

On 23 August Kaiser was again summoned by Tulpanov. General Georgiev and Captain Kratin were also present. Again Tulpanov stressed his desire that the CDU refrain from any anti-Soviet program and avoid criticism of the agrarian reform, reparations methods, or other activities in the Russian Zone. He also urged Kaiser to oppose the Marshall Plan.

reports that all newspapers in the Russian Zone are being forced to print attacks on Kaiser provided by ADN and SNB. These articles are generally reprints from Berlin am Mittag or other Russian-licensed Berlin papers. It is reported that the acting editor-in-chief of the CDU paper Der Demokrat in Schwerin refused to reprint these attacks despite all Russian pressure.

reports further that local SMA political officers in the various state capitals have been sounding out CDU leaders in regard to their attitude toward Kaiser. Previously only political officers from Karlshorst had appeared in this role.

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